Reminiscences of Macready, the a quarrel between two actors Great Tragedian.

PECULIAR PERSONALITY

Professional Jealousy Between Him and For rest Which Lead to the Famous Astor Place Riot.

On the evening of March 3 a little party will be a strong league. of ide evening of march a little party of old actors with two or three young members of the profession gathered at a chop house in New York noted for its good cook and its sturdy liquors. Some member of the gathering with a better memory than the others announced that it was the ninety-eighth anniversary of the birth of William Macready, the famous



WILLIAM MACREADY.

[From a painting by William Imman in the possession of Joseph Jefferson.] English tragedian, who died April 27, 1873, and by unanimous consent the somewhat gathering was turned into an informal memorial meeting in the dead actor's honor. Said an old man with smooth face and jolly eyes:

"Macready was a man of strange disposi-tion. He forever seemed unhappy, with an often petulant and unenviable temper, and yet, with all his faults, he was possessed of a good heart and honesty of pur-

"His unpleasant peculiarities were evidenced more, perhaps, in his exactions at rehearsals than anything else, and during his visit to this country the actors with of the Pacific coast, lacks an inch of being whom he came in contact almost invari- a six footer and weighs 187 pounds. He is ably disliked him, and made it a point to

"At one time while rehearsing his great character of Richellen in Boston he attempted unsuccessfully to correct the reading of certain lines in the early part of the play by the actor cast for the king. But when the time came for rehearing the last scene Macready was most particular in his direction, telling the actor especially to keep a certain document, which he was to hand to Macready unfolded, in such a posi-tion that it would not obscure the audience's view, and not in any circumstances to touch Richelicu. But when the scene came on, the actor, instead of doing as directed, rushed at the great actor and held before him the large parchment, thereby

abled to grasp the document, when the re-bellious actor, not satisfied with the mischief he had wrought, seized the unfortunate Richelieu by the arm and commenced pumping it up and down and shaking him with great violence. "Let me go," grouned Mucready. "Let go my arm, sir!" and by a succession of jerks he finally released himself, amid great laughter from the audience. It is needless to say that the actor was never permitted to act with Ma-

which occurred during a rehearsal of the Keller, who was cast for the part of play. Keller, who was cast for the part of Huguet, appeared at rehearsal with a Rubinstein, who is living like a prince man. A year ago you wore a readylarge bowie knife stuck in his waistband, in a marble palace at St. Petersburg, as made tie, and now you tie it yourself. I and when he came on the stage to go director of the imperial conservatory, was wonder where you will be next year? through his scene with Macready, without recently offered £25,000 sterling by a syndisaying a word he pulled it out, and, keeping cate for a four months' season in America. his eyes fixed fiercely on the tragedian, picked his teeth with it. At this Macready became very nervous, and asked Mr. Ryder. who accompanied him, to find out from the manager why the young gentleman carried so dangerous a weapon. Keller, on being asked, said, "To cut in pieces any Englishman who dares to affront me."

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The De Reszke Drothers will, between the governor will, between them, receive something like \$2,800 a night from Manager Abbey during their American yet? How did he cut up about that from Manager Abbey during their American yet? How did he cut up about that form yet? How did he cut up about that yet about that ye

replied, "I shall be careful not to affront the young gentleman." This same actor, having been cast for the king in "Hamlet," was directed, when Hamlet killed him in the last scene, to fall well up the stage, Hamlet reserving the front of the stage for his own death throes. When night came and the action took place Keller, instead of doing as he was directed, fell and expired in the exact spot the future.

Macready had reserved for his own death

Capti scene, and the Prince of Denmark was compelled to die on the side of the stage. As the curtain fell the enraged tracedian rose to his feet and roundly rated the derelict



THE ASTOR PLACE RIOT. [Drawn from an old print.]

actor, who, drawing himself up to his full height, exclaimed with mock dignity, "Sir, I am the king, and I'll die where I please," and strode from the stage with majestic

"Such little occurrences were mild, though, to some of the humiliations to which Macready was subjected," said another. "One day just as he had entered the stage door of a theater at which he was to rehearse he was seized from behind by the collar and the seat of his breeches, and forced, much against his will, down be-hind the scenes to the first cutrances. In vain he struggled to free himself, in vain he demanded his release, until on reaching the glare of the prompter's light, jerking the glare of the prompter's light, jerking himself loose, he confronted his assailan inducement to take the rooms he was
ant and demanded to know what the
told that he could have a lock up cupother meant by such liberties. The assailboard to keep his food in, where it would ant, w 'h great solemnity and mock con-trition, exclaimed: "Great heavens, Mr. trition, exclaimed: "Great heavens, Mr. Macready! I beg a thousand pardons. I However, Mr. W. soon discovered that his favorite pekoe disappeared with friend of yours, sir! If that's the way you treat your friends I do not wish to be one."

After various other anecdotes had been Tabby, he came to the conclusion that told, an old actor reised a curious charm Mrs. Brown must, like himself, possess

which hung from his watchchain. It was a liking for that fragrant bohea, a misshapen leaden bullet. "That," said To make assurance doubly a be, "is a memento of the bloodiest blot purchased two pounds of tea ne which ever appeared on the pages of an actor's career. It is one of the bullets fired by the military on the night of May 10, 1849, in quelling the famous Astor Piace Opera house riot."

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Forrest, and Macready, the Englishman.

alas! the pound in the caddy kept getting small and beautifully less until it was Professional jealousy was its first cause.

Friends and sympathizers took it up, until
the unlawful classes in New York saw in
it an opportunity for creating a disturbance. On the night in question a mob of
ruffians stopped Macready's performance

anal: the pound in the caddy kept getting
small and beautifully less until it was
all gone!

Then came Mr. W.'s innings. Ringing
for Mrs. Brown, he handed her his usual
supply of tea in a cup, and producing

of Macbeth, almost wrecked the opera the empty caddy from the cupboard ne house, and fairly forced the soldiers detailed to keep the peace to fire upon them.

Twenty-three people were killed or fatally
wounded, and more than a hundred were
less seriously hurt. And it all came from

The poor woman

ROBERT JOHNSTON. BASEBALL BREVITIES.

The Louisville Association club has increased its capital stock to \$25,000. It is announced that Al Johnson is soon say he steals the church funds, to take to himself a wife in the person of Miss Kate Mitchell, of Louisville, Ky. They are to be married in April.

Buffalo, Syracuse, New Haven, Baltimore, Washington and Newark the International,

Mike Kelly will be the bright and shining light of the Cincinnati Association team the coming season.

Haven club this year.

Phil Ehret has decided to remain with ago, the very day Mr." Louisville, and assist that team in its attempt to again win the Association penthis?

If the bill recently introduced in the Missouri legislature prohibiting Sunday ball playing and making it a misdemeanor punishable by \$300 fine becomes a law it will knock the receipts of the St. Louis club down several pegs.

Pitcher Mark Baldwin is one of the latest have on?" acquisitions of the Pittsburg team.

the Louisville Association team, was the hands from the pockets. "My dear Miss crack left handed pitcher of the New Pendash, allow me to ask how you think Haven, Conn., club last season.

The attempt to get the Brooklyn League elub to join hands with the Association in the augusty is now move seems to be a failure. It is ing. Then partly recovering herself and asserted that Messrs. Byrne, Doyle and instily reopening the door, she replied: Abel, who at first showed marked sympathy with the Association break, will coat. Before bidding you goodby forward by the Lagran. stand by the League.

Quite a sensation has been created in baseball circles by the alleged statement of A. G. Spalding that any player not under contract going to the Association would nisher. be expelled.

Comstock, the Michigan Giant. J. C. Comstock, the champion wrestler of the Pacific coast, lacks an inch of being 24 years old and is



ship, Shellenburg, Moth and Charles Green, the English champion, soon succumbed to the young wrestler's prowess, but Tom Connors proved too much for him, Pro-fessor Donaldson, Matsada Sorakichi, "the

DRAMATIC NOTES.

The unauthorized production by amaone proprietor of copyrights. W. H. Gil- it? lette has just brought suit against fifteen Builder—Finish it, an' I'll turn it into Brooklyn amateurs who performed "Held" a first class flat house.—New York Reby the Enemy" recently without his consent. Amateurs should remember that they may be held legally responsible for same piece at the Astor Place Opera house they may be held legally responsible for in New York. An actor of the name of every such performance of any copyrighted

He refused the offer. He spoke highly of American audiences, but deprecated the rushing methods of Yaukee managers.

The De Reszke brothers will, between

Johnnie Ward and Helen Dauvray are said to have become reconciled again. Ward recently went to London, where he met his wife. The cause of their separation is as much a mystery as ever.

The success of Mrs. Leslie Carter as an actress is undoubted. She has lost money on her first season, but if she keeps her health will get it back many times over in the future. from the way she gave me the mitten last night. She's too particular alto-

Captain Perkins, of Harvard.

The Harvard 'varsity crew is getting into trim for a meeting with its old enemy, Yale. Captain T. N. Perkins has taken his crew out of the rowing tank, and the wearers



of the crimson are at work on the Charles river. Perkins is somewhat of a veteran as he has been in the shell for Harvard for two years. He is 20 years of age lacks an inch of being a six foot-

CAPTAIN T. N. PERKINS, pounds, and first looked upon daylight at Milton, Mass. He is an unusually powerful and graceful oarsman, and seems well fitted in every respect for his respon-sible position. The collegians are not very sanguine of success, but if energy and en-thusiasm on the part of a captain counts, Perkins should see victory perch on his banner.

HOW HE GOT EVEN.

Mrs. Brown's Vanishing Tea Trick Discovered. Mr. W., a well known solicitor, in his bachelor days went to lodge with a perboard to keep his food in, where it would be safe from the depredations of the cat.

To make assurance doubly sure, he purchased two pounds of tea next time instead of one, and putting one pound as usual in the tea caddy in the cupboard (which he determined not to touch at all himself), gave out his daily sup-

"I see you've finished your pound of tea before I have mine, Mrs. Brown." The poor woman's face, when it trick had been discovered, was a study. -London.

A Day to the Cause. Mrs. De Gadd—I heard the awfulest things about Mr. De Good today. They

Mr. De G.-Nonser se. "Oh, I've no doubt it's true. Mrs. Veragood, that horrid young widow, you Newark, N. J., defeated Worcester, Mass., know, seems to be infatuated with him, in a contest for admission to the Interna-tional League. With Toronto, Rochester, payer the companying service for a bridge pawn the communion service for a bridal outfit. By the way, Mrs. Finesoul has not been out of the house for a week, and people think her husband has been beating her; but that isn't a circumstance to JOSLIN & PARK. the way they talk about Mrs. Highmind. I saw her on the street today and she John J. Keily, who played with the Na. I saw her on the street today and she tional League team of Pittsburg last seasaid she felt sick, but most likely she'd son, will take care of left field for the New been on an opium debauch. She has her husband's collars and cuffs washed at a Quite a sensation was caused in baseball Chinese laundry, and she's been seen to circles by the arrest of Mark Baldwin for go there for them herself. Oh, she's a alleged conspiracy against the Columbus terror! Mrs. Highup's husband has been Association club in securing the transfer away for two weeks, and I've got my of Jack O'Connor to the Pittsburg league opinion about it, too. People say Mrs. Tiptop's hired girl left just two weeks

"See here! Where did you hear all "I've been out collecting money for the heathen."-New York Weekly.

His Fatal Mistake. "Pardon me for mentioning it," she said, "but isn't that a new coat you

"You have guessed aright," replied the John Doran, who recently signed with young man, nervously removing his he Louisville Association team, was the hands from the pockets. "My dear Miss it sets?"

For one moment the heaving bosom of club to join hands with the Association in the haughty Boston girl stopped heavever allow me to remark that it is of no possible interest to me, sir, whether your cont sits well or not."-Clothier and Fur-



Drawn from Life.-Smith & Gray's

A Modest Request.

"There, Miss Arethusa, won't you lift your chin up a little? There, And now if you will hold up that racket carelessly before him the large parchment, thereby concealing from the audience the trage-dian's face and the whole of the upper part of his body. Macready literally groaned.

"After much pawing Richelieu was enabled to grasp the document, when the relations after a part of the stand of t very promising catch-as-catch-can glad- ern Rural.

Some Modern Buildings. Contractor-The walls of that new hotel of yours ain't safe. There ain't no

Builder-Finish it, an' I'll turn it into

Looking Into the Future. Featherstone (waiting for Ringway to dress)-I see you are improving, old Ringway (desperately)-I shall probably be still tieing it. -Clothier and Fur-

Footing the Bill. James-Hallo, William, seen the gov-

"No. I was the Bill he footed."-St. Joseph News.

Yes, Yes,

Harry-Is Miss Maude a particular friend of yours? Reginald-Well, I should say she was

gether.-Detroit Free Press. He Wasn't a Pointer, Miss Hytone (at an evening social)-Mr. Western, I imagine from your military figure that you are a West Pointer. Mr. Western (a printer)—No. ma'am;

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